



Carolina Population Center

In 1966, the Carolina Population Center was founded at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. To celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2006, a project was conducted to document the history of the Center. This transcript is an excerpt from an oral history interview.

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Dick Udry was CPC Demographic Research Unit Director from 1973 – 1977, CPC Director from 1977 – 1992, and has been a CPC Fellow since 1992.

GC: You mentioned the technical assistance? Could you elaborate on what that was?

DU: Well, it involved establishing - some of it establishing population centers. Some of it involved establishing technical assistance programs related to family planning programs. For example, we had a family planning program in North Carolina that was run by the Population Center. It actually gave services, and we had a member of the staff of the Population Center who directed the program. So we delivered family planning services to 11 counties in this part of the state. The programs sometimes involved small research programs, or small training programs, or actually small service delivery programs that are population-related in various countries around the world. That was mainly the kinds of activities the Population Center ran in those days, although it did fund population related research to individuals in various parts of the University.